## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 6(B)

TO:

Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

(Second Reading 01-20-05)

DATE:

May 25, 2004

FROM:

Robert A. Ginsburg

County Attorney

**SUBJECT**: Ordinance amending section

33-151.18; relating to safety barriers at child care facilities

The accompanying ordinance was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Senator Javier D. Souto.

Robert A. Ginsburg County Attorney

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TO:

Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

January 20, 2005

FROM:

George M. Bur

County Manag

SUBJECT:

Ordinance amending

section 33-151.18; relating

to safety barriers at child

care facilities

The ordinance amending section 33-151.18 of the Code of Miami Dade County relating to safety barriers at child care facilities will not have a fiscal impact on Miami-Dade County.

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Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez

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Ple	ase note any items checked.
	"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
	6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
	4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
	Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
	Budget required
	Statement of fiscal impact required
	Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
	Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
	Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
	No committee review

Approved	<u> Mayor</u>	Agenda Item No. 6(B)
Veto		01-20-05
Override		
(	ORDINANCE NO.	

ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO ZONING; AMENDING SECTION 33-151.18 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; DELINEATING LOCATION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAYGROUND/PLAY AREAS OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE INSTALLATION OF A SAFETY BARRIER AT CERTAIN CHILD CARE FACILITIES; REQUIRING EXISTING CHILD CARE FACILITIES TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENT WITHIN TWO YEARS OF ORDINANCE'S EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

## BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Section 33-151.18 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida is hereby amended as follows:<sup>1</sup>

## Sec. 33-151.18. Physical standards.

- (a) Outdoor areas. Outdoor recreation>>playground<</p>
  play areas shall be in accordance with the following minimum standards, calculated in terms of the proposed maximum number of children for attendance at the school at any one (1) time unless otherwise indicated.
  - >>Minimum Standards for Outdoor Recreation Playground/Play Areas<<

Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted. Words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed. Remaining provisions are now in effect and remain unchanged.

School categories	Required area
Day nursery/kindergarten and preschool and after- school care	45 square feet per child calculated in terms of half of the proposed maximum number of children for attendance at the school at one (1) time
Elementary school (grades 16)	500 square feet per student for the first 30 students; thereafter, 300 square feet per student
Junior and senior high school (grades 712)	800 square feet per student for the first 30 students; 300 square feet per student for the next 300 students; thereafter, 150 square feet per student

Where there are category combinations, each classification shall be calculated individually.

- (i) Child care facilities as described in Section 33-151.11(a), (b) and (f), shall be prohibited from operating on property abutting or containing a water body such as a pond, lake, canal, irrigation well, river, bay, or the ocean unless a safety barrier is provided which totally encloses or affords complete separation from such water hazards. Swimming pools and permanent wading pools in excess of eighteen (18) inches in depth shall be totally enclosed and separated from the balance of the property so as to prevent unrestricted admittance. All such barriers shall be a minimum of forty-eight (48) inches in height and shall comply with the following standards:
- (1) Gates shall be of the spring back type so that they shall automatically be in a closed and fastened position at all times. Gates shall also be equipped with a safe lock and shall be locked when the area is without adult supervision.
- (2) All safety barriers shall be constructed in accordance with the standards established in Section 33-12, [[except]] >>:provided, however, << that screen enclosures shall not constitute a safety barrier for these purposes.
- >>(j) Location requirement for outdoor recreation playground/play areas for Child Care facilities. Where the front or side street property line of a child care facility as described in Section 33-151.11(a), (b) and (f), abuts a section line or half section line right-of-way no outdoor recreation playground/play area shall be located between the right-of-way and the building line parallel to the right-of-way. Within two years after the effective date of this ordinance all



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existing child care facilities shall either comply with the foregoing requirement or install a safety barrier from vehicular traffic designed by a professional engineer and approved by the Public Works Department. For any existing child care facility which is required to either relocate its outdoor recreation playground/play area or provide a safety barrier, any resulting reduction in outdoor recreation playground/play area shall be deemed in compliance with the minimum playground/play area requirements of Section 33-151.18(a). Any such reduction shall also be deemed to be in substantial compliance with any site plan previously approved at public hearing. In event that such a child care facility whose site plan was approved at public hearing seeks to relocate its playground/play area, such relocation shall be subject to approval after public hearing upon appropriate application. This subsection shall not be deemed to allow the future expansion of any child care facility to occur without complying with the requirements of Section 33-151.18(a).<

<u>Section 2</u>. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 3. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance, including any sunset provision, shall become and be made part of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

<u>Section 4</u>. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED:

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency:

Prepared by:

Craig H. Coller

Sponsored by Senator Javier D. Souto

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